

Daily Eagle

YOUTH AND AGE.

When I am old, these hills that bound
My life within their narrow round
Will be the threshold of the door
That leads to Freedom and to Fame,
And the wide world beyond no more
An idle dream, an empty name;
But I, from care and troubles free,
Its glories and its joys shall see.

The summer days of southern seas;
Great battles, glorious victories;
The boundless prairie of the west,
Where roamed a hunt the buffalo;
Whate'er fulfils gifts and love
The gods have given to men below—
These, heart of mine, these shall we see,
In the brave days that are to be.

When I was young, this narrow round
Of hills a prison world did bound;
Love, on the quiet valley floor,
I dreamed of Freedom and of Fame,
But yet I learned they were no more
Than a vain dream, an empty name;
In that old, earnest heart of mine,
The happy hours seemed all too slow.

I have been wrecked in stormy seas;
Not mine life's glorious victories;
Gone the bright eyes on boyhood cast;
No more along the primrose way
I wander, for my path have passed
To this sad world of every day.
Ah, heart of mine, no more we know
The days and dreams of long ago!

—Chambers' Journal.

WISE MEN'S VAGARIES.

How Grave Men Sometimes Give Their Friends Something to Laugh At.

"Speaking of Alderman D.," said a Toronto street barber the other day, who had been laughing heartily at some of the recent vagaries of that worthy, "I believe every man makes a fool of himself at some time or other, or gets some idiotic mania into his head. Now, I know a staid, solid, thirteen stone, 35-year-old lawyer, of this city, who is constantly plaguing his friends by challenging them to stand on their heads whenever he finds himself alone with them. He is an expert at this remarkable feat, and his numerous legal friends are placed at a great disadvantage whenever they enter into the competition. His old boy tells me that this man is no strong upon him that he is not infrequently, when he and the lawyer are alone, places a blotting pad on the floor in a corner of the room, and, planting his head thereon, elevates his feet until his heels are hard against the wall, then folds his arms and smiles amiably suggested of apology. 'This wife tells me she is a family man, you see—that he acquired the extraordinary habit in his bachelor days, and that she has great difficulty in preventing an exhibition of her spouse's talent in this line every night in the bedroom.'

"The only way to cure my friend of his mania appears to be to display a superior accomplishment. Well, one evening he called upon a clerical friend of this city, and, as they happened to be alone in the parlor, he made the usual challenge.

"'It's all nonsense, my dear fellow,' said the clergyman, who was about tired of his friend's exhibition; 'standing on the head is child's play compared with walking on one's hands, and I can do that; and, so saying, he downed on all fours, placed his head in a soft place on the carpet, threw up his legs in succession until they were both upright in the air, and then started at a four-mile-an-hour pace to walk, at least to 'progress,' across the parlor, his head bumping on the ground at irregular intervals. It was a funny sight, and I don't think I ever saw a clergyman upend down before, but he never received another challenge to stand on his head, and was never treated to another acrobatic performance by my legal friend.'—Toronto Globe.

The Brain of the Elephant.

"The half human elephant" has a brain of very large size, and its elevations and depressions upon the surface increase the extent of the acting cells to an enormous degree. Its intelligence is certainly greater than is possessed by any other quadruped, at least any of those living in a state of nature. It is probable that some of the apes exceed it in this regard, while the dog, among domesticated brutes, is a rival in estimating animal intellect. Its wonderful acuteness of the sense of touch, developed in its trunk, and its prolonged length of days—for it lives 120 to 200 years—adds greatly to its advantages over other animals.

When once tamed the elephant becomes tractable and submissive; he is affectionate to his keeper and does what he can to please him. It is pretty certain, however, that the keeper must use force with his gigantic pet, otherwise respect is lost and there comes a time when the wild nature will overcome the teachings of his master. In time he understands signs, tones and even words, and acts accordingly. One that is very tractable, for there are all grades of intelligence among them, never mistakes the words of his master, receives his orders with attention and executes them with precision and a manifestation of considerable judgment. The sagacity he shows in extricating himself from positions of danger, some of them such as are unknown in his native country and so can not be the result of "hereditary memory" or instinct, is well known. His memory of his past and his long waiting to get even with his enemies are too well known to call for more than a passing mention. One instance of his memory of the date he had learned in captivity when captured again after escaping for four years into the jungle, is remarkable. It would be incredible were it not established by numerous witnesses of the highest character.

—Cor. Globe-Democrat.

An Italian Musician in Gotham.

His head is adorned with a sort of compound helmet, composed of three stories around the edge of which are little bells, which sound whenever the wearer nods or jerks his head. Strapped to his back is a drum, through which passes a strap, which is fastened at the lower end to the level of the musician; the other end connects with a pair of drumsticks which are inside the drum. On top of the drum is a pair of cymbals, connecting through the side of the drum with the machinery inside to which the bell-strap is fastened. The musician is further armed with an accordion. When he is in working order the accordion gives forth sounds more or less musical, the bells in a simultaneous fashion, the strap sets off drum beats, the cymbals clash together, and the small bells rapidly together, and the pennies for soap and macaroni begin to flow in.

—New York Tribune.

Roscoe Conkling's Vigor.

Roscoe Conkling has cut off the Mephistophelean point of his beard. It is now closely trimmed, somewhat similar to the style worn by Gen. Grant. He goes around downtown in a cheap jeans suit and is as active as a youth of twenty. A Broadway conductor was about to pull the bell for him to get off the car the other day, when Mr. Conkling said: "Never mind, and jump off with the agility of a newsboy."—Chicago Herald.

Smuggling Through the Mails.

An inspection of the 500 mail bags that were sunk in the Oregon, and have since been recovered, shows that ladies smuggle a great many French gloves, with lace, ribbons, etc., in newspapers sent by mail.

Marat's Bath.

The bath in which the infamous Marat was when Charlotte Corday rid the world of him has been sold by a priest of the diocese of Vannes to a Paris waxworks showman. The price was \$1,000, which will be devoted to the uses of a religious school.

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